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8 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 In re:) Case No. 13-53491
12 272 E SANTA CLARA GROCERY, LLC,) CHAPTER 11
13 Debtor.) **OBJECTION TO PLAN OF BOSTON**
14) **PRIVATE BANK & TRUST COMPANY**
15) **DATED DECEMBER 5, 2013 (AS**
16) **AMENDED MARCH 20, 2014)**
17) **Date: June 18, 2014**
18) **Time: 1:30 p.m.**
19) **Place:**
20) **280 S. First Street, Crt. Room 3099**
21) **San Jose, CA 95113**
22) **Judge: Hon. Stephen L. Johnson**

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TO THE HONORABLE STEPHEN L. JOHNSON, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY
COURT JUDGE; THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE; BOSTON
PRIVATE BANK & TRUST COMPANY; and all other interested parties:

COMES NOW, Debtor 272 E. Santa Clara Grocery, LLC (“Debtor”) and objects to
Boston Private Bank & Trust Company’s (“BPB”) Plan of Reorganization Dated December 5,
2013 (As Amended March 20, 2014) (“Plan”) as follows:

I. Preliminary Statement.

The Plan is nothing more than a partial settlement offer whereby BPB purports to

1 provide Debtor with nothing, bind non-parties and non-signators, require Debtor to defend,
2 indemnify, and hold harmless BPB, including attorney's fees, from claims by non-parties and
3 non-signators, and deny Debtor, Debtor's interest holders, Debtor's creditors, and non-parties
4 a vote.

5 BPB's Plan does not satisfy the requirements of Bankruptcy Code 1129 as it has not
6 been proposed in good faith (Bankruptcy Code 1129(a)(3)), does not satisfy the "best
7 interests of creditors" test (Bankruptcy Code 1129 (a)(7), is not feasible (Bankruptcy Code
8 1129 (a)(11), and, to the extent it attempts to 'cram down' over the objections of the Debtor,
9 creditors, and Debtor's members, is not fair and equitable (Bankruptcy Code 1129 (a)(1).

10 **II. The Plan Attempt to Settle Claims Held By Third Parties and Force Debtor To**
11 **Indemnify BPB from Claims By Third Parties All While Denying Everyone**
12 **Except BPB A Vote.**

13 The Plan is presented as a settlement offer by BPB to resolve various claims Debtor has
14 asserted against BPB. However, the settlement offer is much more and is fatally flawed.

15 The settlement offer purports to offer Debtor no cash and only a belated credit against
16 its disputed claim (now pending before this court), but simultaneously require Debtor and
17 third parties to release claims against BPB and require Debtor to defend and indemnify BPB
18 from any claims asserted by any parties against BPB-----all without signatures on the
19 agreement, notice to the third parties, consideration, or court approval of the agreement----for
20 a \$25,000 belated credit against its claim.

21 Noticeably absent from the Plan is any legal authority supporting the concept of
22 resolving Debtor's affirmative claims through a plan or any legal authority supporting the
23 concept that a settlement proposal to the Debtor can bind third parties and non-parties who
24 are not signators to the proposed agreement and who did not receive any consideration.

25 Also noticeably absent from the Plan are any discussions regarding who are the parties
26 to the agreement beyond Debtor and BPB, whether Debtor, Debtor's members, or the others
27 get to see, review, and approve the agreement, whether the court needs to approve it, who are
28 Debtor's known predecessors, who are Debtor's unknown predecessors, how third parties

1 can be bound to a agreement when they are unknown, when they are not signatories, and
2 when they do not receive consideration, the nature and extent of the claims by these third
3 parties, and whether BPB did, in fact, knowingly and willfully withhold material information
4 from Debtor and others¹. Although there is a proposed release attached to the Plan, it does
5 not attempt to identify signators, and is fatally defective in numerous other areas. The
6 proposed release falsely asserts that Debtor has represented it owns all claims. Debtor has
7 simply asserted that the prior fractional owners of the real property assigned/transferred their
8 interest in the real property to the Debtor and Debtor believes that it holds claims against
9 BPB. Debtor has never represented that claims of Investment Grade Loans, Inc. (“IGL”) and
10 others are owned by Debtor. For example, the Agreement Re Foreclosure Sale, Second
11 Amendment to Agreement Re Foreclosure Sale, and Third Amendment to Agreement Re
12 Foreclosure Sale are signed by Investment Grade Loans, Inc. (“IGL”)². IGL was not a
13 fractional owner of the subject real property and therefore did not assign any fractional
14 ownership of the real property to the Debtor. Therefore, Debtor would not make the
15 representation contained in section 2 of the agreement or indemnify, defend, or hold harmless
16 BPB from claims asserted by IGL or others. Presumably, hypothetical reasonable investors
17 would like to know this information.

18 The proposed release also purports to have Debtor release claims relating to “any of
19 BPB’s lending practices, procedures, or conduct in connection with its loan” and then
20 indemnify, defend, or hold harmless BPB from such claims. Debtor is not in a position to
21 have information relative to such claims, would not release such claims or indemnify, defend,
22 or hold harmless BPB from such claims whether made by its borrower Kimomex or others,
23 and would certainly not do so without consideration.

24 Debtor submits that the proposed discount represents less than a 5% discount on its
25 claim. The potential value of Debtor’s claims against BPB have never been addressed. While
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28 ²Debtor also signed the Third Amendment and the agreement references the prior agreements.

1 such has not been formally quantified Debtor anticipates that the value of the ‘non-disclosure’
2 claim alone, which relates to multiple and continued non-disclosures by BPB between July 2011
3 and December 2012, may exceed \$1,000,000 by way, in part, of the difference between what
4 Debtor believed it was purchasing and what it actually received. BPB’s anticipated ‘fall-back’
5 position, namely that Debtor sold the property for a profit, is irrelevant. Basic fraud damages
6 are the difference between what Debtor thought it was receiving less what it actually
7 received. Parties that defraud others do not get ‘credit’ for the subsequent efforts by their
8 victims to rectify the wrong.

9 **III. The Plan Incorrectly Assert That BPB is Impaired And Others Are Not.**

10 The Plan asserts that BPB’s claim will be paid in full and BPB’s claim and the claims of
11 all creditors will be paid in full. Pursuant to the Plan BPB rights and remedies remains
12 unchanged. Therefore, BPB is not impaired and not entitled to vote.

13 To the extent BPB contends that it is impaired because it has to wait for payment--on its
14 disputed claim-- then the same alleged impairment applies to all creditors--claims that are not
15 undisputed and not subject to objections. The Plan provides that payments to creditors will
16 not occur until the effective date which is defined as the later of confirmation or a final order
17 on the objection to BPB’s claim. Therefore, the Plan provides that all creditors are paid in
18 full at the same time. Accordingly, BPB is not impaired.

19 In addition, the Plan incorrectly assert that the rights of Debtor’s members are not
20 impaired. The rights and interests of Debtor’s members are impaired and diluted because the
21 value of their respective interests are summarily reduced and their right to vote summarily
22 denied. Such alteration impairs their rights. (In re L & J Anaheim Assoc. (9th Cir. 1983) 995
23 F.2d 940, 943)(11 U.S.C. 1123 9a)(6) and 1126 (a), ©, (d), and (f), & (g).)

24 **A. All Parties Reject BPB’s Plan.**

25 As of June 10, 2014 Debtor had received (and filed on June 11, 2014) ballots received
26 from Debtor, creditors, and Debtor’s member all voting against BPB’s Plan. Such is a clear
27 indication that BPB’s Plan, as objected to herein, was not proposed in good faith, is not in the
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1 best interests of the creditors and estate, is not feasible, is not is not fair and equitable.

2 **IV. The Plan Was Not Proposed In Good Faith, Is Not Feasible, Is Not Fair or**
3 **Equitable, and Is Not Confirmable.**

4 Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 1129 a plan must be, inter alia, fair and reasonable and
5 proposed in good faith. (See, e.g., In re 266 Washington Assocs., 141 B.R. 275, 288 (Bankr.
6 E.D.N.Y.), *aff'd*, 147 B.R. 827 (E.D.N.Y. 1992)).

7 The Plan presented by BPB is not fair and reasonable or presented in good faith. In its
8 simplest form, the Plan purports to allow BPB to vote on its own plan, consider itself
9 impaired yet get paid in full, consider all others unimpaired and without a vote yet somehow
10 sacrifice claims against BPB, and settle claims against it without any payment of cash and a
11 belated credit. BPB accomplishes all of this in exchange for a small belated credit, a
12 unilateral (non-mutual) release and indemnity obligation, and release of claims of third
13 parties without the benefit of the third parties seeing the agreement, approving the agreement,
14 signing the agreement, and receiving consideration for the agreement. This kind of unfair
15 discrimination precludes plan confirmation. 11 U.S.C. § 1129(b).

16 As previously stated Debtor's interest and the interests of its members are diluted and
17 impaired by the Plan because the value of their respective interests are summarily reduced
18 and their right to vote summarily denied. Such alteration impairs their rights. (In re L & J
19 Anaheim Assoc. (9th Cir. 1983) 995 F.2d 940, 943)(11 U.S.C. 1123 9a)(6) and 1126 (a), ©,
20 (d), and (f), & (g).)

21 Furthermore, in order to be "fair and reasonable", a plan must provide either that each
22 unsecured claimant receive or retain property equal to the amount of his claim or that no
23 claimant junior to such claimant receive any property. Here, the Plan proposes to summarily
24 dilute the interests of Debtor and Debtor's members and therefore flagrantly violates Section
25 1129.

26 The Plan also violates 11 U.S.C. 524 as the purported 'general release' proposed by
27 BPB includes parties other than Debtor and then requires Debtor to make incorrect
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1 representations and defend, indemnify, and hold harmless BPB for claims by others.

2 **V. Conclusion.**

3 For the foregoing reasons Debtor objects to the BPB Plan and submits it is not
4 confirmable.

5 Dated: June 11, 2104

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